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NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

THROUGH: Chairman, NIC

SUBJECT: Response to Letter from Dr. Bruce
Merrifield, Assistant Secretary
of Commerce for Productivity,
Technology and Innovation

The attached letter of acknowledgement to Dr. Merrifield's letter of 17 May was prepared with inputs from the DDI. [redacted] Chief of the Civil Technology and Industry Division, OGI has agreed to follow up on Dr. Merrifield's requests since they are already working with his analytical staff. I believe that this technological link with Commerce is a good adjunct to the excellent relations we now have with Lionel Olmer's people.

For your information the investment and sensitivity analysis modeling is an analytical technique developed by Dr. Merrifield and only recently applied to Government work. It requires a good deal of industrial and financial data to be useful and there is some doubt whether we will be able to acquire all the foreign inputs necessary to help Commerce apply the technique to foreign industries; [redacted] people are willing to try but may be limited by data. I am sending the material on this new model that Dr. Merrifield sent to me to [redacted] for his use.

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